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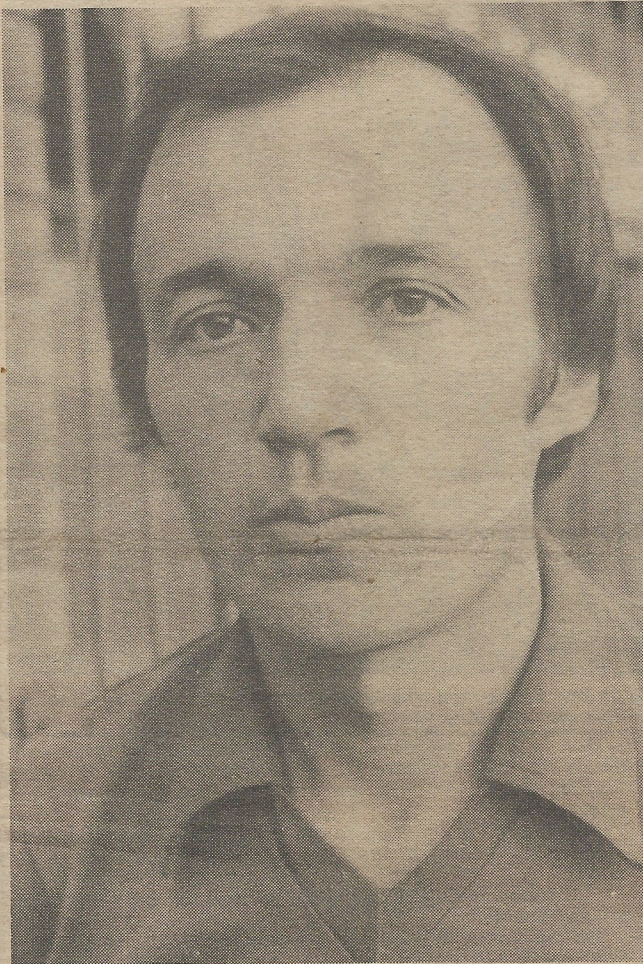
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WHO'LL BE "PLAYER OF YEAR"?



Three of the top players in the running for the title of "Australia's Player of the Year", to be announced on Thursday in Adelaide. The occasion will be the joint Australian Soccer Press Association — Philips Industries dinner.

By sheer coincidence, all three appear

for Marconi, the 1979 PSL champions who have, in Tony Henderson and young Eddie Krncevic, another two highly rated contenders for the honor.

In case you don't recognise your stars when you see them, they are, from left: Mark Jankovics, Ivo Prskalo and Peter

Sharne.

All are current Australian internationals who will travel to China and Korea this month with the Socceroos.

• Now turn to pages 4 & 5 for our own ratings of the year's best player, coach and team.

You'll see us in January

As this is the last issue of SOCCER WORLD in 1979, I would like to express our most sincere thanks to our readers for their continued support.

SOCCER WORLD has just completed its 22nd year of publication; we have been going longer, without interruption, than any other soccer publication in Australia — and longer than most rugby league ones, too.

Many of our readers and subscribers have been with us since 1958 when our first issue appeared.

To these and to the others who have joined them since, my warmest thanks.

But I also have to express my gratitude to those clubs, federations, associations, companies and individuals without whose advertising support it would have been difficult to survive.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all our staff writers, regular or occasional correspondents and technical staff who have helped make SOCCER WORLD into what it is today.

Our first issue in 1980 will be published on January 17.

Andrew Dettre
Editor

RUDI: "I'M NO BALLBOY"

Australia's outspoken national coach, Rudi Gutendorf has done it again.

After beating English first division side Norwich City earlier this year, his Socceroos last week conquered the star-studded Cosmos, too.

The day after his victory, Gutendorf blasted the indifference of officialdom towards his Socceroos.

ASF Chief Sir Arthur George, arriving back from Europe a day later, promptly called Gutendorf a "bit of a primadonna."

Although not meant as an insult, Gutendorf took the comment to heart.

At a special press function this week he said he "wasn't a ballboy to be called names."

Gutendorf also indicated that he had no intention of quitting his job.

"I want every support I can get to take the Socceroos to Spain in 1982," he said.

"But officials must understand that our fate will be decided now and next year, not when the elimination games are due to be played."



"We've won!" This, in English or German, must have been the happy exclamation of national coach Rudi Gutendorf after last week's great 2-1 win over Cosmos in Sydney. — Full report, more pictures on page 3.

NEWCOMER SHOWS OUR EXPERTS A THING OR TWO

— By Andrew Dettre

At times, one despairs about the future of Australian soccer; I guess I am not alone in this.

Then along comes a Ralph Lynch and all of a sudden you see a ray of hope.

Lynch — a broad-shouldered, tall man of 32 — looks more like a veteran basketball star and acts like a Sol Hurok of Broadway fame.

In case you have never heard of him: he is the man behind International Artists who put the quite incredible Cosmos package together in Sydney.

Until about six or seven weeks ago he had not the slightest connection with the game, nor probably any interest in it.

Then, out of the blue, somebody asked him: would he care to arrange the Cosmos match?

Within days he decided that he would; a week later he had a compact, professional organisation working on the project, all from one large room in the quaint Hero of Waterloo hotel, a colonial relic in the Rocks.

During this incredibly short period Lynch and his small but highly experienced team worked wonders: Sydney newspapers, radio and TV were flooded with Cosmos.

Color posters were printed in days, lapel badges were spread out all over town, press briefings were arranged at short notice.

It would have taken a comatose deaf and dumb and blind recluse not to see and hear that Cosmos were hitting town.

It's said that the whole exercise cost Ralph Lynch some \$250,000, including fees and commissions to his assistants.

But it worked: with ALL the 43,000 tickets sold for the match, Lynch has probably made a tidy profit.

And all one can say to that is — good luck to him. Neither our various federations nor our clubs and their wealthy officials wanted to touch Cosmos.

Now there is a danger that Ralph Lynch may be drafted by the ASF or PSL to work as their promotion expert.

Don't laugh — it is a danger. The secret of Lynch's success was that he worked independently, without commitments.

He couldn't have accomplished it all if he had to go through the "right channels", not to mention that no Federation would have risked \$250,000 for the venture.

Let's hope, by all means, that Lynch stays in soccer — but he should continue to be an independent agent and entrepreneur, not another member of a committee.

Unlike our clubs, he didn't expect them to do it "for the love of it," Lynch is a pro.

The possibility of a handsome profit was clearly there and worth striving for.

If anybody cared to monitor the Media output he would probably discover that the Cosmos coverage in the four-week period was bigger and more widespread than the one the PSL gets in two seasons.

True, Cosmos is a readily marketable commodity — yet one shudders to think what some of our regular officials would have done with the job.

I am sure that Sydney soccer could learn a great deal from Ralph Lynch and his American approach.

He invests money, engages experts and then hopes to make a profit, without apologies and excuses; after all, this is what show business is all about.

At the same time many of our clubs officials pretend to "love" the game and "work their hearts out" for the club.

Bringing the Lynch-Cosmos experience into local focus it seems that the Philips League will not fulfil its promise until the clubs are organised and run as part of the mass entertainment business — for profit.

It will not succeed as long as presidents regard soccer as their 18th favorite hobby, a welcome relief from their more serious everyday business.

At present, they don't even mind failure; this way, with their penny contribution, they can stay in power for ever.

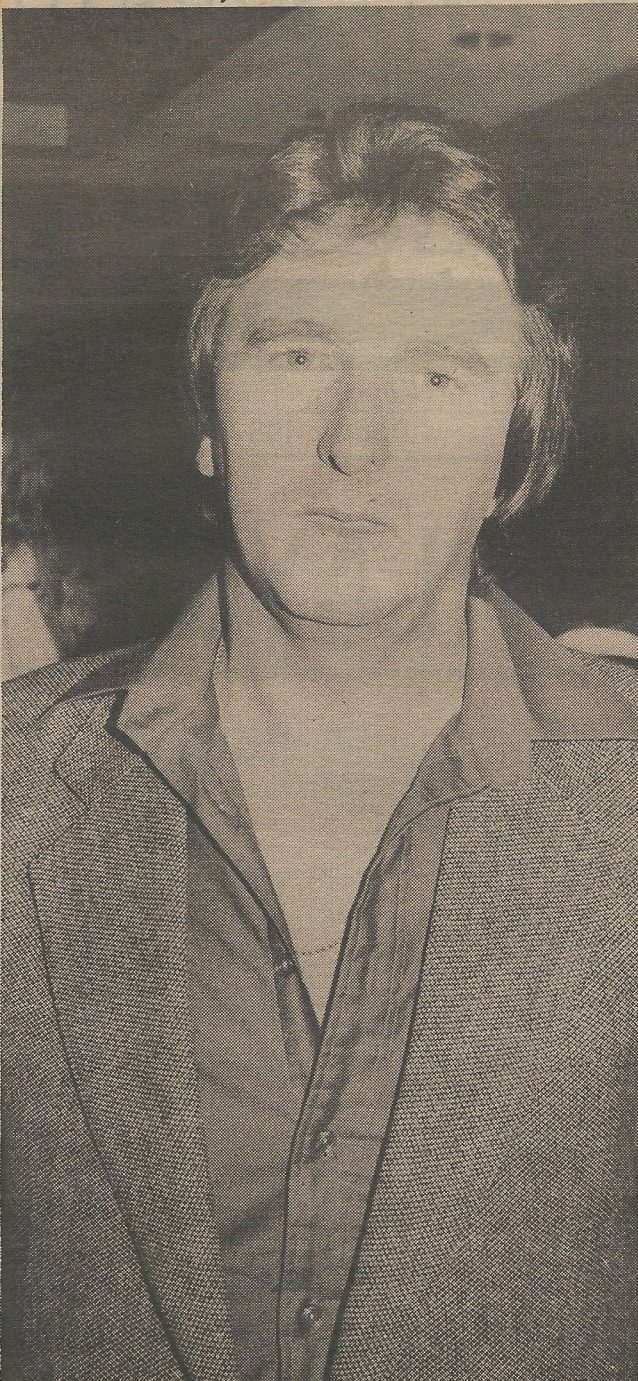
Without any real expertise, they sell and buy players, place values on intangible assets, hire and fire coaches and, in the process, hugely enjoy the rare luxury of being allowed to do a job badly — something they wouldn't dream of in their own business.

If we are to take soccer seriously, the time has come to worry about fundamental problems and not trivia, such as club names.

Soccer, all over the world, is part of the entertainment scene; it's sport only for the 22 players but should be fun, excitement and enjoyment for the spectators.

Clubs — or countries — which ignore this trend are doomed to decline or disappear.

We must realise by now that we have absolutely no chance of catching up with soccer in Europe where the game is steeped in tradition; our only avenue is to follow the American pattern.



Ralph Lynch, the man who brought the Cosmos and new soccer excitement to Sydney.

But it can't be done with beer money or volunteer amateurs. Cosmos have more fulltime personnel on their staff than the ASF, PSL and the 14 PSL clubs rolled into one.

I realise it's not just up to the clubs: they cannot reform themselves without divine spark or human inspiration from above.

The main responsibility rests with the ASF and the PSL to change course.

Plastic surgeries, such as the relegation of one Sydney team and the promotion of another won't make the slightest difference.

Perhaps the ideal would be if clubs were owned by franchises — companies, corporations or a group of individuals — with management accountable to the shareholders instead of a meek and apathetic club membership.

Ralph Lynch, a man who probably doesn't know a midfielder from a striker, has made soccer and Cosmos a household word in Sydney in an astonishingly short time.

With another few Lynches, we could go places. Without them we will stay in our tepid little backwater providing a convenient ego-trip for some officials and the same dull fare for the fans.

FROM THE PRESS BOX

I hope ASF chief Sir Artur George didn't think for a moment that Gutendorf could be insulted by the sobriquet of "primadonna". Gutendorf, like all top coaches, is a primadonna; in this profession for extroverts, you have to be one. Of course, Arthur George is also a primadonna and the same goes for most of our top players. Primadonna, in case you didn't know, really means the first lady, a solo dancer in a ballet; is there anything wrong with that?

In their eternal chase for a "story", some Sydney newspapers are prepared to go to extreme lengths; fair enough, I guess. But by vastly exaggerating facts and figures, they merely present a false picture. Cosmos, of course, is not a \$100 million dollar team; there is no such team in the world. I guess the current transfer fee value of Cosmos could be closer to \$10 million with only Beckenbauer, Neeskens, Bogicevic and Marinho in the super-star category. But of course, \$100 million sounds better.....

I can understand Sir Arthur George's indignation about the big ignore of soccer by our TV Channels; I can even see some merit in his threat that unless they polish up their soccer coverage — at least in the news — they may lose the lucrative right to the English video tapes, which the ASF can stop through the Football Association of England. I hope the trick will work. If it doesn't and the ASF does stop the import of English match films, they'd better build a barricade around their office to withstand the fury of thousands of people for whom watching this weekly fare is part of their lifestyle.

A major war is looming where the battle will be fought with the latest military software — drinks. The protagonists are Coca-Cola and Pepsi-Cola, global rivals for an enormous market. Coca-Cola is about to announce its large sponsorship for the 1981 Junior World Cup and for the Socceroos, while Pepsi Cola is about to increase its sponsorship of NSW amateurs, juniors and the State League. We understand that Coca-Cola wants the ASF to reduce Pepsi's high profile while the NSW Federation claims to have the right to choose any sponsor from any field. I hope good sense will prevail and soccer can retain both.

Every time Rudi Gutendorf has a skirmish with officialdom, rumors start about his possible resignation. Let me go on record: I do hope he stays. Australian soccer badly needs a man with new and grandiose ideas, brave concepts and the courage to rock the boat which often resembles Noah's Ark anyway. His contract runs for another two years and in that period he can achieve a great deal. It's clear that Gutendorf is not trying to win a popularity contest; all he wants is results. Which reminds me of former St. George coach Frank Arok, another Gutendorf-type who, when told that some players didn't love him, once exploded: "I want my wife to love me; I want only respect from my players."

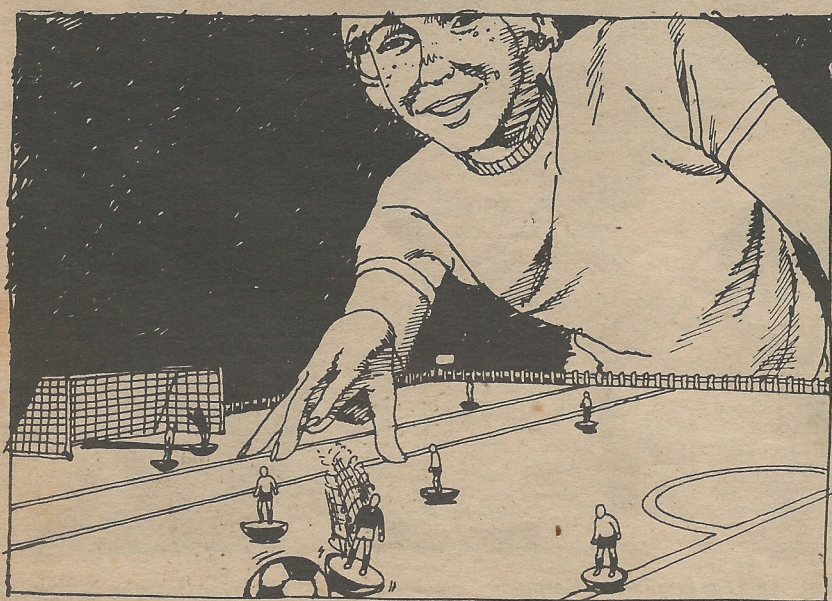
Finally, let me gaze into our battered old crystal ball and predict what's likely to happen in 1980 in Australian soccer.

The PSL championship will be won by Marconi again....the teams battling against relegation will be Blacktown, Canberra, Footscray and St. George....at the end of 1980 the same unseemly haggle will be repeated about promotion and relegation with still no clear-cut guidelines....Rudi Gutendorf will stay in Australia....Ralph Lynch, the Cosmos promoter, will be commissioned to handle all future tours assisted by Johnny Warren....England will NOT send its full international team here in 1980....the NSW Government will make at least three more announcements about possible stadium sites but won't do a thing about them....at least two of the five Sydney PSL clubs will have new presidents and four out of five will have new coaches....

.....and SOCCER WORLD will re-appear on January 17, 1980.

Andrew Dettre

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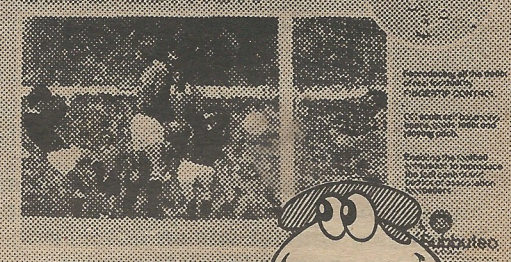
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Cosmos stars eclipsed by Socceroos

— Andrew Dettre —

Two things will live in the memory for years about the Great Cosmos Night in Sydney: the almost unbelievable atmosphere and the excellent display by the Socceroos.

Their 2-1 win was richly deserved and, with an ounce of luck, could have been 4-1.

Pleasingly, the Socceroos nowadays play a much more adventurous game than they did in the 1970-1974 period when minimising defeats was their main ambition.

Of course, you have to have the players for this type of game — but Gutendorf is gradually getting there.

The match started sensationally when, in the second minute, Beckenbauer found the tiniest of gaps in a wall and smacked a fierce freekick against the left post from some 20 metres.

Then Cosmos, clearly tired, began to play a game of containment while the Socceroos sprang into action.

The speed and aggression of Jankovics and Cumming caused confusion in the Cosmos defence where only Morais was able to stem the tide.

But even he was helpless in the 18th minute. Cumming flung a great throughball to the overlapping Mullen on the right and his instant cross was headed home by Rooney from two metres — 1-0.

Eight minutes later Jankovics veered sharp left after a good run and sent an angled drive at goal but Birkenmeier, after a fumble, held the ball.

Cosmos too mounted some promising moves. In the 27th minute Chinaglia shot on the turn but Woodhouse parried with a good dive.

A Chinaglia-Bogicevic move in the 33rd minute almost sent Etherington in but then a Henderson solo raised Australian hopes.

Perry could have made it 2-0 in the 38th minute when, at the end of a quick counter-attack, he burst through on his own but shot hurriedly to Birkenmeier.

One minute before halftime Bogicevic lifted the ball over the bar from six metres, much to the relief of Woodhouse.

Cosmos appeared a bit casual in the whole of the first half. Beckenbauer, playing in midfield, directed operations as usual but his strikers, mainly Chinaglia, were ineffective.

Bogicevic gave the impression that he was walking on the corso of a Adriatic beach resort and only Seninho threatened with his many runs on the left.

Everybody at the ground expected a vastly different Cosmos in the second half on the assumption that class would tell. But it didn't.

The Socceroos, sensing that their famous opponents are also mere humans, resumed with even more confidence than in the first half.

Indeed, it was only through

poor shooting that the Aussies didn't go into a more comfortable lead.

In the 55th minute Nyskohus shot wide in front of an open goal then a perfect Tansey cross was volleyed over the bar by Boden.

Chances came galore: Henderson's drive was just a trifle too high then, from another Tansey cross, Perry missed from eight metres what was perhaps the greatest miss of the game.

Out of the blue, Cosmos hit back. In the 76th minute Carbognani created space, slipped the ball to the unmarked Chinaglia and he even had time to pick his spot with a hard drive to make it 1-1.

But their joy was short-lived: the Socceroos had much more in reserve than the Americans.

In the 84th minute Rooney took a corner from the right, curved it into the goalmouth and Jankovics, with a flicked backheader, deceived the goalie sufficiently to let the ball fly to Henderson's steady head and it was 2-1.

Krnecvic, a late replacement, almost added two more in the dying stages of the match.

In the 87th minute and in the 89th he broke through twice, only to see his brilliant shots saved.

The Socceroos were by far the better team on the night and not just in freshness and speed.

Partly through the attacking fullbacks Mullen and Tansey, they had more width to their game than Cosmos.

Woodhouse had to make only two real saves, otherwise he was having a peaceful evening.

In the defence Henderson and Tansey were the key men, both performing well, at times brilliantly. Mullen played well though he ad-

peared to give too much room for his opponent, the fast Seninho. Prskalo, as the safety stopper, was solid.

In midfield Rooney had a colossal game; Perry stuck to his tactical instructions manfully but missed two absolute sitters while Boden was below his best; I still feel he is not a true grafter.

The diminutive Melbourne winger Cumming was speed, cheek and power personified on the wing while Jankovics was at his dynamic best.

Nyskohus was less prominent than usual. All replacements, Bobby Russell, Krnecvic and Picioane made their presence felt.

Frankly, we expected more from Cosmos even considering that they have been touring for 42 days, playing a match every three days.

They played at a slow tempo, not always very precisely and lacked any world class attack.

Goalie Birkenmeier started shakily, then improved but was still not too impressive.

In the defence Beckenbauer's calm elegance and Morais' speed and tackling were the saving graces; Eskandarian had terrible problems with Cumming while Carlos Alberto, this former great, is now a slow old man.

Carbognani was the best midfield man while Bogicevic showed his undoubted skill only in patches.

Seninho was the pick of the strikers but lacked suitable partners; Chinaglia had a very poor match while Etherington couldn't get away from Tansey.

SOCCEROOS: Woodhouse, Mullen (B. Russell 52m), Hen-



derson, Prskalo, Tansey, Boden (Krnecvic 84m), Rooney, Perry (Picioane 88m), Nyskohus, Jankovics, Cumming.

COSMOS: Birkenmeier, Ryan, Carlos Alberto, Morais, Eskandarian, Carbognani, Beckenbauer, Bogicevic, Etherington (Formoso 67m), Chinaglia, Seninho.

Goals: 1-0 Rooney (18m), 1-1 Chinaglia (76m), 2-1 Henderson (84m).

Referees: A. Boskovic; **Crowd:** 58,000 (estimate; Australian record, previous one: 51,566, May 2, 1964, NSW v Everton, Sydney Cricket Ground).

Cosmos goalie Birkenmeier dives at a ball with John Nyskohus arriving a second too late. In the background Jankovics (left) and Beckenbauer. Nyskohus, after a brief spell in limbo, has fought his way back into the national team.



The famous Jankovics backheader from which Henderson scored Australia's winning goal against Cosmos.

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PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE '79



Big crop of young talent bursting through

After a lean period which happily ended recently, Australian soccer is once again abounding in young talent.

In fact, I cannot remember the last time our leading clubs — here we refer to the Philips League — had so many exciting young talents.

In this list we have included players who burst into

the limelight in 1979 even if they did play in the PSL before.

Among the goalies, Greg Woodhouse came, saw and conquered all in less than a year; now he is hailed as the successor to the great Ron Lord — who, by the way, is his personal coach....

I am convinced that if Woodhouse receives proper

guidance on and off the field, he will develop into one of the greatest goalies in Australia.

Of the others I fancy the prospects of Mike Fraser and Yakka Banovic most.

Perhaps the biggest improver among the defenders was Alan Kershaw of Sydney City.

Earlier in 1979 his club was offering him for sale to anybody interested; he was destined to spend the season on the bench.

But then a long injury to Eddie Thomson brought him into the team and towards the end he developed into the lynchpin of the back line.

The much-touted Yzen-doorn had some fine games and some very ordinary ones.

I feel that Bozanic of West Adelaide, Brogan of Marconi and Robert O'Shea of St. George have the brightest prospects though youth internationals Christopoulos and Selemidis could also break through in 1980.

The elegant Joe Senkalski of Newcastle and the dynamic Peter Raskopoulos of Olympic had the most impressive 1979 season.

Peter Katholos of St. George, Davidson of South Melbourne and Tredinnick of Newcastle are others on the verge of bright senior careers.

progressing while Davies will need more physical build-up to play effective midfield.

Not surprisingly, the crop has been the poorest among the strikers: this is where our coaching shortcomings are most apparent.

Still, the season has produced two superbly talented youngsters, Tony Brennan of Lions and Charlie Villani of Adelaide City.

Brennan needs only some final touches to become a brilliant modern striker while Villani, at this stage, is a precocious talent of enormous potential.

The stars of the future:

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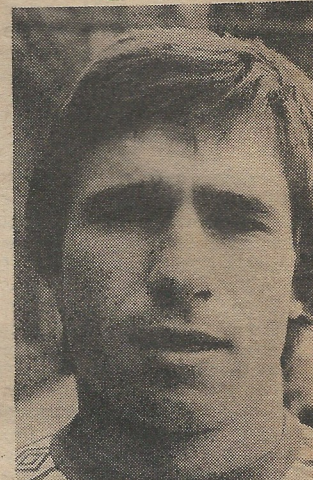
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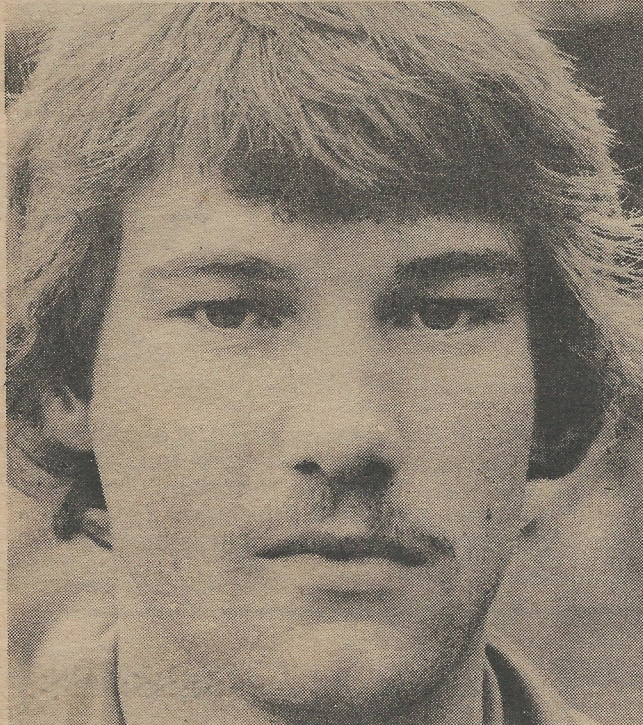
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Greg Woodhouse

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(APIA)

MULLEN

(Syd. City)

WILSON

(APIA)

HENDERSON

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(Heidelberg)

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(Marconi)

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(Syd. City)

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(Marconi)

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(St. George)

BEST PLAYER:
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(Newcastle)

BEST COACH:
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(Newcastle)

Peter Kunz
(Canberra)

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(APIA)

B. NYSKOHUS

(Adel. City)

WILSON

(APIA)

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(Marconi)

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(Canberra)

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(Newcastle)

BYRNE

(Marconi)

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(Adel. City)

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(Lions)

SHARNE

(Marconi)

BEST PLAYER:
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(Lions)

BEST COACH:
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Jim Binnie
(Brisbane)

CROOK
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WHEN YOU THINK OF

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PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE '79

PLAYER OF YEAR FROM MARCONI

Who will be the Philips League "Player of the Year"?

The dye has been cast, the votes have been lodged and the result will be announced this week in Adelaide at the special dinner held by the Australian Soccer Press Association and the Philips League.

Last year Ken Boden won handsomely; this year I can't see a clear-cut choice.

Let me be daring and suggest a "short list" which, hopefully, contains the three placegetters:

SYDNEY:

Ivo Prskalo (Marconi)
Tony Henderson (Marconi)
Peter Sharpe (Marconi)
Mark Jankovics (Marconi)
Ian Souness (Sydney City)
Greg Woodhouse (APIA)

ADELAIDE:

John Nyskohus (Adel. City)
Martyn Crook (West Adel.)

BRISBANE:

Jim Hermiston (Lions)
John Coyne (Bris. City)

MELBOURNE:

Jim Tansey (Heidelberg)
Jim Rooney (Heidelberg)

NEWCASTLE:

Roy Drinkwater
Kenny Boden



Marconi's Soccerroo striker Mark Jankovics

His agility and positioning are first class, his reflexes sharp, his courage outstanding.

It is really quite unusual for somebody at 18 to show such potential as a goalie; in this position players seldom reach their peak until well into their 20s.

If he has a fault, it is his occasional hesitation when going for high lobbs.

Although well built and powerful, sometimes he lets opponents shove him off the ball — something his mentor, Ronnie Lord would never have tolerated.

My No. 2 is Sydney City's Ian Souness, the prototype of a busy midfielder who can win and also use the ball.

His radius of operation is enormously wide; he can defend in his own goalmouth one moment and score a goal at the other end a second later.

Despite his youth, he plays with aplomb and confidence and a very high degree of skill.

His shortcoming? His own temper. At times he is inclined to engage in private little wars, losing his rhythm and timing.

The third on my list is Mark Jankovics, the perfect athlete and competitor.

When in form, his dynamism is catching: he loopes through the field in a few strides, splitting up a defence with his menacing rush.

He is also tremendously dangerous in front of goal; he can score with hard drive from 20 metres or with glancing headers and flicks among a maze of legs from close range.

I am still not sure whether his ideal position is midfield or the right flank — but certainly not central striker where, because of his long legs and large frame, he is a bit too slow on the turn.

Jankovics would be an even better player if he worked on his basic skills; his control at times is poor.

Also, he must learn the art of changing pace during a dart, something two former greats of Sydney soccer, Roy Blitz and Dave Todd had perfected.

As I said, I have no idea who will win the coveted Wedgwood Trophy, specially flown out from England and valued at \$1,000.

But if I had a team, I would like to have these three youngsters in it.

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Saftich our top coach

I have a feeling that the "Coach of the Year" award will end up in sunny Queensland this year.

Nereo Saftich, a bespectacled accountant of Italian origin has worked absolute miracles with Brisbane City, taking them into the Grand Final of the Philips Top Four — against all earlier predictions.

"Whom have they got?" was the usual question during the season when discussing Brisbane City's chances before a match.

"Not one really well known player, just a lot of hard working, ordinary chaps...."

Well, even that's not quite true any more: Coyne and Echeverria have made the Soccerroo squad, Gaffney couldn't have missed out by much and in Low, Campbell and Kelso, they have produced three regular goal-getters.

But it's true that, compared with some other teams, Saftich had a more modest material to work with.

Yet, he moulded them into a superbly fit, combative unit, playing a simple, effective and resourceful soccer.

Saftich has my vote — but will he get the others, too? I feel the choice will be limited to six and all will be judged on their 1979 achievements.

If that is so, Les Scheinflug will have to rate very highly; after all, his Marconi ran away with the 1979 title.

He succeeded where for two years previously Rale Rasic had failed; he built backbone into an already talented team.

The gentle, quiet-spoken Heidelberg maestro, probably the doyen of all PSL coaches, Manny Poulakakis should also be considered.

He took over a troubled, disorganised team, added four good players to the squad, blended them with the others swiftly — and produced a clever, ball-playing side which was a joy to watch.

Rasic and Chaldi didn't have the best season by their own high standards while Alan Vest narrowly failed in his two major ventures, to take Newcastle into the Cup Final or the Top Four.

— A.D.

BEST COACHES OF 1979:

Les Scheinflug (Marconi)
Nereo Saftich (Brisbane City)
Alan Vest (Newcastle)
Rale Rasic (Adelaide City)
Gerry Chaldi (Sydney City)
Manny Poulakakis (Heidelberg)

Previous winners:

1977: Rale Rasic
1978: Gerry Chaldi

Nereo Saftich, who had a remarkable success this year with Brisbane City.



COSMOS WINS IN ADELAIDE

— From Allan Crisp —

The glamour-charged New York Cosmos ended their Australian tour with a 2-0 win over Adelaide City at the Olympic Sports Field last Sunday.

City, as Philips Cup winners, had all the credentials to stretch Cosmos, but held them in awe till half time.

City skipper John Perin summed it up when he said: "We froze at the start against too many big names, and once we got it going it was too late."

But while the match lacked a stern competitive note, City kept their promise to play open football.

As a result the 25,000 crowd thrilled to the skills, technique and magical qualities of Beckenbauer, Neeskens, Tueart and Carlos Alberto.

Kaiser Franz was left unmarked to display his uncanny consistent ball control.

It came as a monumental shock when twice during the full 90 minutes Beckenbauer actually misdirected passes!

Neeskens and Tueart, both of whom missed the match against Australia, were with Beckenbauer and Alberto the brightest of the Cosmos stars.

Tueart gave Cosmos the lead in the 17th minute when he accepted a great pass from Beckenbauer to slam a ground shot under Marshall.

Former Italian international Chinaglia made it 2-0 for Cosmos in the 72nd minute when he grabbed a rebound off Marshall to volley the ball

into the net.

City were best served by Russell, Muniz, Perin and Dods, while Deans and Johnny Nyskohus worked tigerishly up front.

Goals: 0-1 Tueart (17m), 0-2 Chinaglia (72m).

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall, Russell, Dods, B. Nyskohus, Besir (Melta 80m), Muniz, Perin, Marocchi (Vilani 80m), J. Nyskohus, Deans, Kent (Northcote 46m).

COSMOS: Birkenmeier, Eskandarian, Morais, Alberto, Beckenbauer, Tueart, Bogicevic (Carbognani 75m), Chinaglia, Seninho (Etherington 80m), Neeskens.

Referee: D. Campbell; Crowd: 25,000; Cautions: Tueart, Bogicevic.



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TV ROW

To reach Australian TV screens with Australian soccer, the Australian Soccer Federation needs to heave to and plot a safer course into less turbulent waters.

Moves by president Sir Arthur George to bring pressure to bear on the Australian networks by the English Football Association and the ATV interests cannot succeed.

Already Sir Arthur has stepped back a little to class his approach as "more of an appeal than an ultimatum."

There is not much leverage with the channels from British football, welcome though the different series are here.

In any case the Australian television moguls will not accept the imposition of such conditions, whether the ASF likes it or not.

In addition the ABC seems to have moved away from the possibility that they would televise PSL games next season.

In Sydney PBL Sports executive Lynton Taylor (Nine Network) was impressed when he attended last week's Cosmos-Socceroos match.

But the network does not appear to be quite ready to move into soccer, although there are strong signs that it will.



Greg Woodhouse — oozing with talent.



• Ian Souness

I feel that the votes will be very widely spread and the final outcome will be a close one.

Instead of predicting the result, let me tell you my own choices.

1. WOODHOUSE
2. SOUNESS
3. JANKOVICS

Deliberately, I went for youth in my nominations.

But I think it's more than just youth: all three are superbly talented, modern players.

Woodhouse had some colossal games. Who can ever forget his three world class saves against St. George?

HEIDELBERG WAS PICK OF VIC. CLUBS

Footscray City planned well for the 1979 season, but soon found that some of the imported players were not of sufficient quality to benefit the playing ability expected from them.

This put much pressure on coach Cedo Cirkovic and several of the older players who were called on to hold the fort. Playing standards were in a state of flux during the first half of the season, and when Cirkovic resigned the services of Bobby McLachlan were sought.

His appointment, whilst welcome, took several weeks to show results.

Some games did not reward the team for the efforts put in, but gradually the persistence of Bobby McLachlan obtained happier results, and sufficient points were obtained to lift Footscray out of the relegation zone.

The financial drain had been a big blow, and morale struck a low patch with the departure of Ristovski.

Points were difficult to come by and it is now felt that the tough fight has put a new spirit into the club.



Heidelberg's Tansey

The team is now playing more positive football under Bobby McLachlan, and at least the club has weathered the storm.

This year's annual general meeting promises a new deal and little can be said about the future until that is held within next month.

• Heidelberg

The steady team build-up during the season with new signings Banovic, Rooney, Yzendoorn and Paton all proving successful, created a much better blending side quite early in the season.

Each new player lifted the standards of skill so that Heidelberg soon became one of the teams to beat.

This became somewhat of a handicap as the season progressed but Heidelberg kept climbing up the ladder even with several games up their sleeves.

President Jim Mangopoulos found that the squad settled in with coach Manny Poulakakis and also acquired added charisma through the players who are in the Victorian State squad under State coach Len McKendry.

The playing strength will remain practically the same for next season with the exception of Jim Campbell who will be returning to Scotland to be with his family.

Manny Poulakakis felt that the bonus points system had taken the real sporting side of soccer out of context and the number of players receiving yellow cards for undisciplined play proved this point.

The sorry sight of a beaten team being thrashed unmercifully did little for the sport, and can only develop hatred in future meetings.

The progress made at the Heidelberg ground could mean a move to this ex-Olympic Village complex sooner than expected, and with the large Northland shopping parking area right next door with its

2,000 car capacity each weekend, this should prove successful from the word go.

• Sth. Melbourne

The Tony Turner case was an example of how things can go wrong, and create the atmosphere which grabs the headlines and lowers morale within a club.

The experiment of going fulltime professional with seven players was found to be many years ahead of being practical in the Australian scene, even in the Philips League.

Having this seven-man squad training separately from the nine part-timers created difficulties with duplication of training schedules.

Club development on a stronger basis in the future could be established.

The experiment was dropped after three months trial in March, April and May.

It was found that players from overseas take several months to acclimatise, and some failed to come up to expectations.

The Middle Park Stadium having the best all-weather conditions of any in Australia, will be regularly updated as noticed this season with the new press box and announcers room.

The attendances this year have been maintained and this speaks well for the future.

The South Melbourne committee is expected to re-appoint John Margaritis as coach for 1980.

South Melbourne have indicated that they hope to recruit three or four players within Australia.

They hope to prove that they can come back by hard work and application in 1980.



South Melbourne's Campbell

Big support

Eight multi-national companies are involved in the soccer marketing and sponsorship deal to be unveiled in Sydney in three weeks' time.

Eight major companies are definitely involved, although not all will be ready to announce their interest at that time.

The consumer package covers the Socceroos and Young Socceroos in their World Cup campaigns, as well as extending to general promotion.

Advertising giants McCann-Erickson will handle the main advertising campaign.

There is a lot of spadework to be done before the venue is decided for Australia's 1981 Group 1 bid.

The New Zealand FA has already advised they don't want to play the series in Australia or Indonesia - or at home, either.

The ASF will call a meeting in Sydney in late January to decide the venue.

Home and away games would be impossible, although they are bound to occur when the semi-finals and final for Asia/Oceania takes place.

In the World Youth Championship, (no longer called a tournament), the draw, grounds and accommodation bookings are about to be made.

FIFA official Sepp Blatter arrives on November 19 to discuss all guidelines.

"The 1981 tournament will open under lights at the Sydney Cricket Ground," ASF Secretary Brian Le Fevre said this week.

"The final will be played there also.

"We learnt in Japan that it would be impossible to move everyone, including over 30 FIFA officials and support services, from Sydney to Melbourne for the Final."

The Oceania Youth Championship, plagued by December travel difficulties, will now be played in New Caledonia in mid-to late February.

Australia was not the only country unable to make airline bookings due to the holiday traffic.

DILEMMA FOR CENTRAL COAST

Central Coast is at the crossroads.

After deciding they would aim for Philips League after the success of the Sydney City-Newcastle KB United match, they are expected this week to seek permission to play in the NSW First Division.

A vote will be held to ask Northern NSW to agree to Central Coast United joining the NSW Federation in view of its proximity to Sydney.

As a "country club" of potential they could well go straight into First Division.

Their other option, Northern NSW State League, was allowed to lapse due to travelling distances involved.

This could have been an excellent medium for their ambitions.

"The Central Coast Association will channel their best youth players our way," said well-known coach Bill Vrolyks.

"With the support of Gosford Council, Central Coast Leagues Club and use of Graham Park, 1980 should be the year for us to move ahead."

As an indication of

Gosford's ambitions, a coaching course for 50 youngsters was conducted at Toukley over last weekend.

Marmaras resigns

Theo Marmaras, official with the Victorian Soccer Federation for just on 20 years, 15 of them as president, has decided to hang up his boots due to ill health.

Two nominations for the position were received: John Dimtsis, a former treasurer of the Victorian Soccer Federation and Peter Collins, M.L.A.

John Dimtsis was elected at the annual general meeting of the Federation held at Olympic Park last Thursday.

On the appointment of Dimtsis as president, it was unanimously decided to appoint Theo Marmaras as a patron of the V.S.F. for services rendered.

LETTERS

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on a letter to the editor concerning the disqualification by the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation of the Canterbury District Soccer Football Association entrant in the under 14 Champion of Champions competition, namely APIA.

The executive committee of the CDSFA wish to have recorded that they publicly condemn the NSWASF for their decision to deny these boys the opportunity to compete as our representative in the Champion of Champions.

The NSWASF's decision based on an obscure rule in the Sydney Branch constitution, which now apparently overrides the State constitution.

The Champion of Champions rules smack of political skulduggery, and stands as a symbol of the inept leadership of the NSWASF in administering junior soccer.

Our outburst is based on the following:

1. The parents of these boys were prepared to travel all season to the training and competition matches of their sons' team.

2. It is the policy of the CDSFA to enter the first division teams which are minor premiers in the Champion of Champions.

3. The Manly-Warringah Soccer Association was aware that these boys were playing in our Association this season.

4. When it came to write clearances for the boys the secretary of the Manly Association, Fred Bones, took a more enlightened approach than the NSWASF and co-operated 100 percent in obtaining for the CDSFA clearances for these boys, without any delay.

5. It is the attitude of the DC-SFA executive that if a player is genuinely unhappy with a club or organisation and the player's dissatisfaction is not as a result of approaches from other sources then the player should be allowed to play where he chooses.

6. The NSWASF have used a rule in the Sydney Branch constitution in a manner for which it was not designed in a feeble and pathetic attempt to justify their decision.

7. The players concerned have been a credit to the APIA club for the manner in which they have conducted themselves throughout the 1979 season; they would have been a credit to this Association in the Champion of Champions competition.

Ian Holmes,
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FIRST LEG HAD A BAD LIMP

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Sydney crowds in search of a venue

Are you sure this is happening in Sydney? This was the incredulous reaction of many soccer lovers the day after the Cosmos match.

The media coverage of the event was easily the best ever.

Several radio news segments opened with the result and comment on the match while the daily newspapers devoted previously unheard of amount of space to the sensational game and result including front page stories, pictures and full back page coverage.

The pre-match promotion and match arrangements by International Artists were outstanding.

Whatever criticism was aired later had to do with the inadequacies of the Showground.

It is an antiquated venue and this time its capacity was stretched beyond limits: on top of the 43,000 tickets sold another crowd of 15,000, waiting outside the stadium, burst in, breaking down a gate and swelling the crowd to about 58,000.

And all this on a Wednesday night when, according to our traditional experts, you can't play soccer.....

It was unfortunate that many ticket holders, arriving

late, couldn't get to their seats; it would have taken riot police to move masses of people from their vantage positions.

Obviously nobody, not even International Artists, expected this sort of a crowd; the day before the match Ralph Lynch had said he would be "happy with about 35,000."

Then he got 58,000 even if some of the 15,000 were uninvited free-loaders....

One wonders how long our State Government will tolerate Sydney's embarrassing lack of proper sporting facilities.

For the last 20 years or so we have been hearing about projects and plans and blueprints for stadiums - usually before elections.

Earlier this year Premier Wran and his Minister for Sport, Ken Booth, virtually promised action and the calling for tenders.

Still, nothing has happened as yet. Obviously, the only sport our governments are really interested in is political football.

Chances are that Sydney will get a decent stadium only if private enterprise, who can see the immense potential which governments can't, enters the scene.

— A.D.

There were no irate thousands breaking down the gates to get in though we did see a few trying to sneak out at halftime.....

The first "leg" of the PSL Grand Final was, predictably, a huge anti-climax after the Cosmos cavalcade.

Sydney City, the warm pre-match favorites, went about their business without any sign of urgency as if they knew that they would win the second leg anyway in Brisbane, as they usually do.

It was only in the 26th minute that Sydney City even looked menacing, when Bruce's sharp snapshot was tipped over the bar by Wishart.

Before that, Brisbane City had two chances to jump into the lead: in the 18th minute Low slammed an easy rebound over the bar from a few metres and four minutes later Campbell's weak volley died off in Clarke's arms.

Towards the end of the first half the Sydney team began to take over but their finishing remained poor.

Barnes, then Souness missed in the goalmouth, keeping alive Brisbane's hopes for a prolonged deadlock.

The second half was even more disappointing, if that is possible; Sydney City attacked half-heartedly while Brisbane City were content to defend.

Then, in the 78th minute, the ice was broken. After a swift Mullen-Bruce move the ball was centred and replacement striker Marcos Silva wriggled his way to the ball, heading it into the corner from a few metres.

Bruasco could have made it 1-1 one minute later but blasted an easy shot over the bar when facing only Clarke.

Very little prestige was gained by these two top-rated teams with their performances; it was a real end-of-season stuff without much zip and zest on display.

One can only hope that regardless of the result, Brisbane fans will see a much better game on Sunday when the return match is played there.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke, Mullen, Thomson, O'Connor, Bruce, Stevenson, Kershaw (M.Silva 57m), Barnes, Souness, A. Silva, Watson.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Perry, Coyne, Wilkinson, E. Ratcliffe, Pimblett, Echeverria (Brusco 62m, then Caldwell 82m), Gaffney, Low, Campbell, Kelso.

Goal: M.Silva (78m); Referee: K. Allan (ACT); Crowd: 2500.

WHAT, ANOTHER CITY?

The admission of yet another "City" club, Blacktown, into the Philips League prompts one to take up the issue of the club names and strips.

There are now four "City" clubs in the League discounting the newcomer: Adelaide, Canberra, Sydney and Brisbane; Newcastle and Heidelberg are "United".

Let us pep up some of our local names! Canberra City could have been called the Ambassadors, Capitals or another catchy name.

Some scoff at "outlandish" names. Many seem strange initially but over a time, are parroted with pride. We have all heard of sporting teams called the Washington Redskins, Green Bay Packers and New York Mets and Cosmos.

Let us not bow to drab uniformity. When the name of Canberra's proposed second PSL club was disclosed as the Canberra Diplomats, more than one "Intrepid soul of an imaginative bent" was reported to have been dismayed by such metaphoric licence.

Having recovered composure they retorted: "That's a silly name. Why didn't they call the team United!"

Clubs could also revise their playing colours.

Canberra City, Newcastle and Brisbane Lions sport combinations which set their teams apart from others but there are too many clubs playing in predominantly blue and white strips.

West Adelaide, South Melbourne, Footscray, Sydney City, Sydney Olympic and Brisbane City stubbornly defy individuality and wear varying shades of blue and white.

With the re-introduction of televised PSL matches next season a distinct probability, clubs would be well advised to revamp their rather dowdy images.

By the time a commentator has read out his predictable pre-match screed, our armchair viewer may be about to have his first yawn of the day.

"Today at Perry Park, Brisbane City play Sydney City. Brisbane play in their home strip of blue and white while Sydney City take the field in white and blue...."

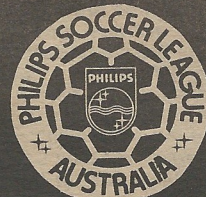
It could be different: "Today at Perry Park Brisbane Buccaneers play Sydney Slickers. The Buccaneers take the field in their vibrant red and yellow colours while the Slickers look elegant in lilac and white."

So: Blacktown, welcome to the Philips League!

With an inventive second name and a fresh strip you can dispel the rumours that clubs with the name "City" and a livery of blue and white are the most suitable applicants for a coveted Philips League niche!

— Peter Kunz.

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The Sydney Morning Herald

Crowd chaos as Aust beats Cosmos 2-1

The Australian Soccer team last night won a sensational 2-1 victory over the New York Cosmos at the Sydney Showground last night before a phenomenal crowd of close to 60,000.

THE AUSTRALIAN

Socceroos sink Cosmos 'millionaires'

A CROWD estimated at almost 60,000 saw a magnificent 2-1 win by the Australian Soccer team last night over the New York Cosmos at the Sydney Showground last night before a phenomenal crowd of close to 60,000.

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AUSSIES BLITZ COSMOS

The Australian Soccer team scored a magnificent 2-1 win over the New York Cosmos at the Sydney Showground last night before a phenomenal crowd of close to 60,000.

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SHOWGROUND SPOILS SOCCER'S BIG NIGHT

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Socceroos outpace Cos

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OVERSEAS BRIEFS

• A committee has been established in Hungary to aid the "special training" of internationals. All experts involved in the scheme were once well known players and will deal with their specialities — goalies, midfielders, strikers, etc. The size of the committee: about 50....

• There were fewer goals scored in European league football again last season. A survey of 25 major European footballing nations, also including the second divisions of England, Italy and West Germany, shows that 18 of the divisions analysed produced fewer goals than in the 1977-78 season. The highest average was recorded in the 2nd division (South) of the Germany National League, with 3.31 goals per game — still, however, a decrease of 0.05 goals a game — while the previous year's top scorers from Luxembourg finished second with a 3.30 average, 0.27 down on 1977-78. The biggest increase was registered in the USSR, where the match average rose by 0.33 of a goal per game; but that still left the USSR 25th in the list. Right at the bottom of the table as in previous years, came the Italian First and Second divisions, with averages of 1.90 and 1.83 goals respectively.

• A Saudi Arabian football fan decided to divorce his wife because she supported the team who were playing against his own team in the final of a regional tournament. The father of four forced his wife to recite four times the passages in the Koran referring to divorce after he had seen his team go down, 4-0.

• The Fussballwoche sports paper from the Federal Republic of Germany told the story of a Mexican woman who left a considerable amount of money to a local football club when she died. The senora's will explained that her husband had been a football fanatic and had never missed a match every week. His absence gave her the opportunity to rendez-vous with her lover, without fear of discovery. She said that football had thus provided her with the most enchanting exciting moments of her life....

• Newspapers in South America have reported that a referee at a local match was arrested on the pitch by police. The charge against the referee was that he had refused the home team a penalty and had thus become a public nuisance.

• Dave Watson's brief German career is over. He had decided that he couldn't settle with Werder Bremen and after two matches — and an eight-match suspension — he is returning to England where he has joined Southampton for \$400,000.

• Martin Chivers, ex-Tottenham then Servette of Geneva and finally Norwich, is now with Brighton.

• Czechoslovakia, after beating Poland 1-0 in Warsaw, has become the favorite of its group to win a place in the Olympic finals. The third member of the group is Hungary whose next match is against Poland in Wroclaw on October 31.

• After two weeks of haggling, FIFA has decided to put Israel in a European World Cup elimination group, together with Sweden, Scotland, Portugal and Northern Ireland; two will qualify from the five.

• The final of the 1980 European Champions' Cup will be played in Madrid on May 28.

• Tibor Nyilasi, the young Hungarian international of Ferencvaros, isn't playing or training because of "nervous exhaustion".

• Lev Yachin, the former brilliant goalie of Moscow Dynamo, last week celebrated his 50th birthday. At present he is technical adviser to the Soviet Olympic team.

• Eddie Firmani, the ex-Cosmos coach, has signed a new three-year contract with the Philadelphia Furries.

• Hungary have suffered their most humiliating defeat since their famous 3-0 loss to Egypt in 1924 when they were beaten 2-0 by the USA Olympic (amateur) team in Budapest last weekend.

EURO-CUPS

EUROPEAN CUP 2nd round 1st leg: Nottingham Forest (Eng) 2 Arges Pitesi (Rom) 0; Celtic (Scotland) 3 Dundalk (Ireland) 2; Ajax (Netherlands) 10 Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus) 0; Hamburg (W.Ger.) 3 Dinamo Tbilisi (USSR) 1; Vejle (Den.) 0 Hajduk Split (Yug.) 3; Dukla Prague (Czech.) 1 Racing Strasbourg (France) 0; Dynamo Berlin (E.Ger.) 2 Servette Geneva (Switz.) 1; Porto (Port.) 2 Real Madrid (Spain) 1.

CUP WINNERS' CUP: Arsenal (Eng.) 2 Magdeburg (E.Ger.) 1; Panionios (Greece) 1 Goteborg (Sweden) 0; Dinamo Moscow (USSR) 0 Boavista Porto (Port.) 0; Aris Bonnevoie (Lux) 1 Barcelona (Spain) 4; Valencia (Spain) 1 Rangers (Scotland) 1; Nantes (France) 3 Steau Bucharest (Rom.) 2; Lokomotiva Kosice (Czech.) 2 Rijeka (Yug.) 0; Beroe Stara Zagora (Bul.) 1 Juventus (Italy) 0.

UEFA CUP: PSV Eindhoven (Neth.) 2 St.Etienne (France) 0; Grasshoppers Zurich (Switz.) 0 Ipswich (Eng.) 0; Borussia Moenchengladbach (W.Ger.) 1 Inter Milan (Italy) 1; Dundee United (Scotland) 0 Diosgyder Miskolc (Hung.) 1; Fevennoord (Holland) 4 Malmoe (Sweden) 0; Standard Liege (Belgium) 2 Napoli (Italy) 1; Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 1 Kaiserslautern (W.Ger.) 1; Zbrojovka Brno (Czech) 3 IBK Keflavik (Iceland) 1; Red Star Belgrade (Yug.) 3 Carl Zeiss Jena (E.Ger.) 2; Dynamo Dresden (E.Ger.) 1 VFB Stuttgart (W.Ger.) 1; Lokomotiv Sofia (Bul.) 4 Monaco (France) 2; Dinamo Bucharest (Rom.) 2 Eintracht Frankfurt (W.Ger.) 0; Aris Salonika (Greece) 1 Perugia (Italy) 1.



WORLD NEWS

Czechs to open big Aust. season

The opening game in Czechoslovakia's five-match Australian tour is scarcely three months away.

Joe Venglos' cultured side provides the first peak in a year which will be crammed full of international football.

ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre has hopes that a three or four-nation tournament may be staged.

This would involve Northern Ireland coming out a week earlier than scheduled.

Others that might be included as well as Australia are Yugoslavia and Scotland B or South Korea.

Yugoslavia are certainly coming.

Le Fevre is waiting for the Scottish Football Association's response to Australia's latest offer.

Should the tournament prove impracticable then the various games will be against Australian and State teams.

The excellent Irish side may play a full international against Australia on June 13.

The chance of Hungary coming has definitely receded.

Le Fevre also says that the match against England at Sydney Cricket Ground on

June 1 will be an "A" international.

"It is doubtful whether England will be the side that plays in Italy in June," he said.

"And Ron Greenwood may not want to risk a few of his players so close to the European Championship games.

"But he has guaranteed an England team in which all are recognised internationals," he said.

Twelve months away are the Socceroo and Young Socceroo tours to Europe.

Both England and Germany have responded well to requests for four games, so if this attitude continues national coach Rudi Gutendorf should get the matches he so desperately needs.

DIV.5 SUMMARY

— By Val Hokin —

WEST ST. GEORGE had an unprecedented season of serious first grade injuries. The consequences showed in results unsettling team work that rarely saw the complete team on the field. After several losses midway through the season, loss of confidence also became a problem. Despite the points table position, the '79 season for West St. George has been one of the best for club spirit and members participation. Secretary J. Evans reports the club will retain the majority of players, looking to the '80 season with confidence.

CONCORDIA had the misfortune to lose their first grade goalkeeper, Fred Wupper, through injury in the first match of the season. Being unable to find a replacement and down in strength due to several key players being overseas, certainly put the club in a difficult position. However, new club president and sponsor, Oskar Zechner, ex-Riverside Rapid, feels the 1980 season will bring a much improved effort.

HAWKESBURY DISTRICT also suffered injuries to key players with playing strength not coming up to expectations. Eddie Lofters was nominated the most consistent defender for the season. Next season the club will be on the lookout for more players, particularly forwards. Persons interested in applying for the vacant coaching position with Hawkesbury, should contact Secretary, A. Baczynskyj on 045 78 1865 as soon as possible.

FAIRFIELD WEST reserve grade took out the 5th division championship against Canley Heights. First grade had a quiet season, not coming up to expectations with some of the younger players finding senior standard a bit high. The wests coaching position may become vacant.

PAGEWOOD saw a drop in the number of '78 season players returning this year and the first grade regular goalkeeper going overseas early in the season. Some players were not willing to train consistently and the results showed on the points table. The club hopes its youth policy will begin to pay dividends next year with the inclusion of several new experienced players.

CAMDEN had their worst season since joining the NSW Federation. They started poorly, hit a purple patch then ended poorly. Camden will also be looking for new players, particularly forwards for the '80 season. The club plans to add extensions to their club house during the off-season. Players, Peter Fowler and Greg Mulley, both turned 21 during the season after 13 years with the club.

CANLEY HEIGHTS pre-season line up did not give the indication of the final position. Club president Ted McAdam, attributes the first grade premiership win to experienced players such as midfielders Robbie Dalcol, Keith Gallacher, Ron Cancion and Neil Gray and to the enthusiasm, confidence and team spirit created by coach, Bob Southgate which resulted in good attendances at training. The club expects to sign several experienced players from higher divisions for the '80 season with several more experienced forwards trying out pre-season. The club also expects to increase its junior teams to 15 adding more depth. Plans are well under way to leasing and later purchasing land for their own home ground and club house.

EDENSOR PARK - KING TOMISLAV had a late start with pre-season training and the loss of coach two weeks before the competition. Rudi Dane, ex-Marconi and Croatia player, took over the difficult task of forming a first grade team. The signing of centre back Ivan Matkovic for the 8th premiership match saw Edensor steadily climb to second position. Rudi is unable to continue as coach for the '80 season so the club will be looking to sign the right person for the job early. The club's most improved player award went to young goalkeeper Bill Peros and highest scorer award to Robert Pagano with 22 goals, even with a five-week break through injury.

MACCABI - completed the season in 5th position and coach Ron Lilling commented that there were several contributing factors. The youth found the transition to senior football very difficult and the senior players were becoming "too senior". Attendances at training were down and the loss of coach with seven matches to go did not help. The club will have to look to several new players and on improving the standard of junior teams for future years. The club's presentation evening was held last Sunday with first grade Best and Fairest award going to Gary Ewiss. Second grade Best and Fairest award went to Peter Illing and the most improved player in the club was Peter Illing.

MACQUARIE UNI enjoyed a great team spirit and the services of a non-playing manager this year to carry them through as first grade champions. The problems of a moving population such as in a University has a somewhat harrowing effect on the depth of playing strength and under the circumstances secretary, Clive Diamond feels the club had a particularly good year. Holding their highly successful presentation evening last Saturday, the club was honoured to have as guests the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Webb and the Sport Association Secretary, Bob Laiton. The clubman of the year award went to Jamie Simpson, manager. First grade Best and Fairest went to the useful acquisition this season, Bob Jeffries and in reserve grade to John Hodge. Prospects look good for a women's team in 1980 with a high influx of players expected for the four men's grades.

IVO TOPS NSW POLL

Marconi players dominated the NSW "Player of the Year" ballot, announced this week.

The winner of the NSW "Player of the Year" award and a specially designed Wedgwood bowl was won by Ivo Prskalo, on 34 points.

The other placegetters were Sharne (Marconi) 29, Krncevic (Marconi) 19, Woodhouse (APIA) 12, Jankovics (Marconi) 6 and Phil O'Connor (St. George) 5 pts.

In the under-21 category Monaro's Sebastian Giampaolo won the major trophy, one point ahead of Sutherland's Craig Hall, winner in 1977 and 1978.

The presentations were made by the NSW branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association.

The new president of the Association is Ted Simmons, from AAP.

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Late news: Canberra City manager Vic Fernandez announced this week that Robert O'Shea, together with his brothers John and Michael, have been transferred from St. George.

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